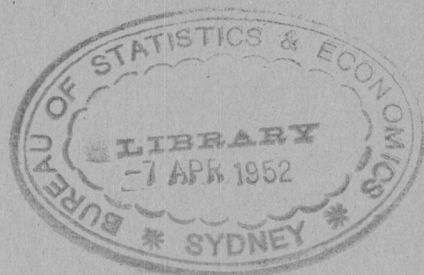


COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS, CANBERRA,  
AUSTRALIA.



Monthly Bulletin of  
**EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS.**

NO. 122.

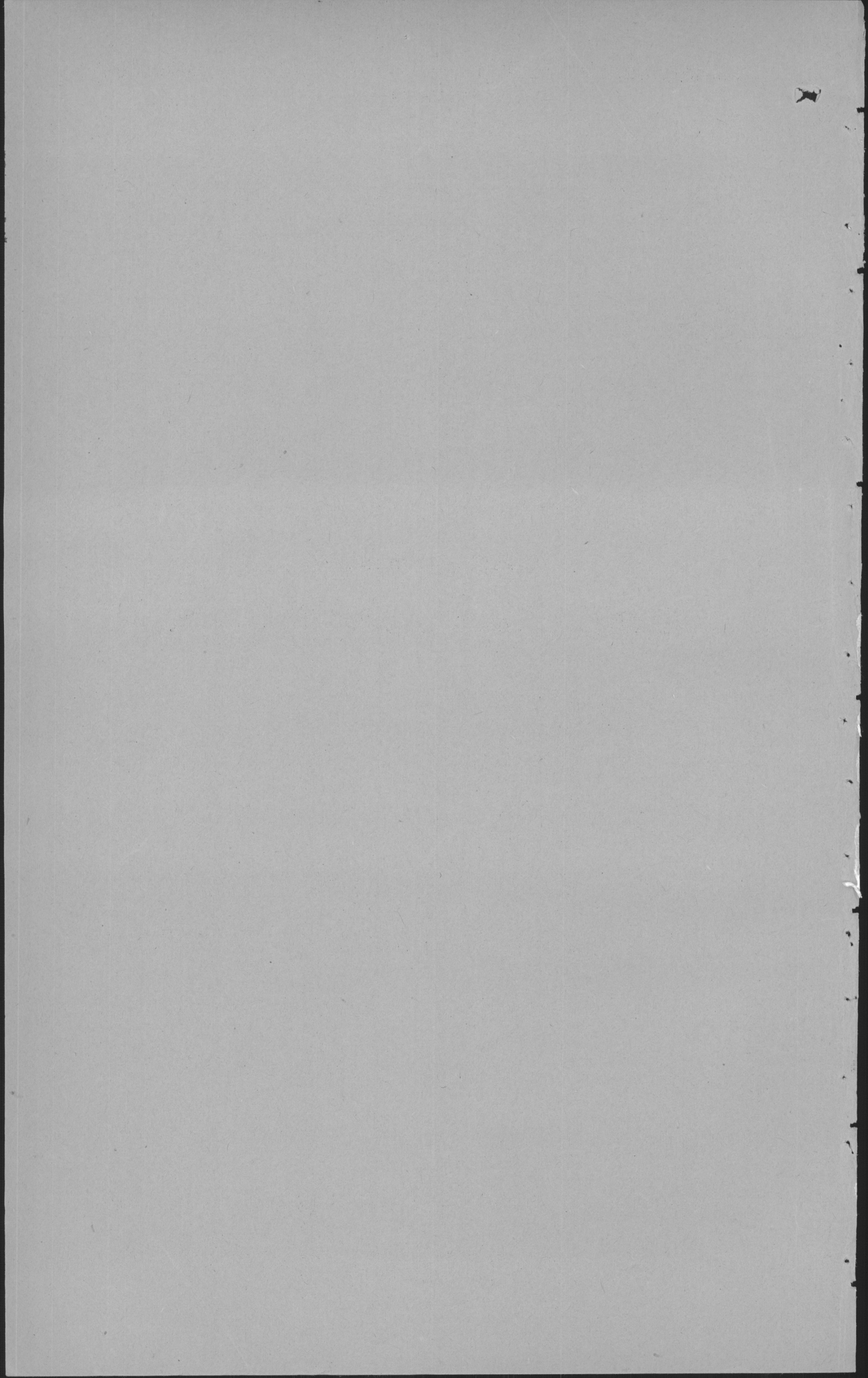
JANUARY 1952.

PREPARED UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE TREASURER

BY

**S. R. CARVER,**

ACTING COMMONWEALTH STATISTICIAN.





COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

MONTHLY BULLETIN OF EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS - AUSTRALIA

NO. 122 - JANUARY, 1952

CONTENTS

<u>Table No.</u>		<u>Page No.</u>
	Prefatory Notes	1
1.	Total Civilian Employees, Australia, July, 1939 to January, 1952.	2
2.	Civilian Employees of Governmental Authorities - States and Territories - January, 1952.	2
3.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment - States and Territories - July, 1939 to January, 1952.	3
4.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment, Industrial Groups - States - January, 1952.	4
5.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment, Industrial Groups - Australia - July, 1939 to January, 1952.	5
	Notes to Tables 4 and 5.	7
6.	Index-numbers of Average Weekly Wage Earnings - Australia - 1943-44 to May, 1951.	7
7.	Index-numbers of Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rates - Adult Males, Industrial Groups - States - January, 1952.	8
8.	Unemployment in Trade Unions - Australia - 1939 to December Quarter, 1951.	9

INTRODUCTION

The figures contained herein are based on data obtained from the 1933 Census, the Civilian Register of 1943, the Occupation Survey of 1945, Annual Censuses of Factory Production and Returns from Governmental Authorities, together with Monthly Pay-Roll Tax Returns lodged by all employers (other than Commonwealth Government Authorities, religious and benevolent institutions and public hospitals) paying more than £20 per week in wages.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees" and "Wage Earners" herein are synonymous with, and relate to, "wage and salary earners" on pay-rolls or "in employment" in the latter part of each month as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. They include persons employed part-time.

Figures for recent months are subject to revision. (See also note (4) on page 7).

S. R. CARVER  
ACTING COMMONWEALTH STATISTICIAN

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS

CANBERRA. A.C.T.

28TH MARCH, 1952





# PREFATORY NOTES

1. ✕ The figures published herein are estimates with qualifications indicated below:-

Further investigation may show the need for some revision in the monthly aggregates. It is not anticipated, however, that any such revision will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1, 2 and 3. Some revision will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 4 and 5. Tables showing employment by various classes of Factory have been discontinued for the present. Action is being taken to establish estimates of current monthly employment in factories by direct collection.

2. Owing to the time incidence of call-ups for short periods of National Service training since August, 1951, and in a lesser degree to enlistments in the permanent and/or oversea forces, some aspects of the changes in numbers of total Civilian Employees cannot be understood unless considered in conjunction with changes in numbers in defence forces or undergoing National Service training. Relevant figures are as follows:-

## MALES (Thousands)

(Excluding employees in Rural Industries)

	1951						1952
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
1. In Private Employment	1342.0	1343.1	1344.9	1350.5	1359.9	1353.7	1353.5
In Government Employment -							
Commonwealth	161.2	159.7	154.9	153.3	152.9	152.7	153.2
State and Semi-Governmental	347.5	347.4	346.0	344.0	344.4	347.4	*351.6
Local	62.1	61.7	61.2	61.3	61.9	62.1	* 59.0
2. Total Governmental	570.8	568.8	562.1	558.6	559.2	562.2	563.8
3. Grand total in Civilian							
Employment	1912.8	1911.9	1907.0	1909.1	1919.1	1915.9	1917.3
4. Defence Forces (Permanent,							
Oversea and National Service							
Trainees in Camp)	46.8	56.1	57.0	57.5	50.0	50.7	+ 58.4
5. Total, Civilian Employees,							
Defence Forces and Trainees	1959.6	1968.0	1964.0	1966.6	1969.1	1966.6	1975.7

1+ Excluding approximately 2,000 rural workers and students.

## FEMALES (Thousands)

(Excluding employees in Rural Industries and Private Domestic Service)

	1951						1952
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
1. In Private Employment	605.3	607.4	608.3	609.3	611.4	608.7	598.0
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth	48.7	48.1	45.9	45.5	45.5	44.8	45.2
State and Semi-Governmental	61.4	61.8	61.7	61.9	62.2	62.1	62.6
Local	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.0
2. Total Governmental	114.9	114.7	112.4	112.3	112.6	111.9	112.8
3. Grand Total in Civilian							
Employment	720.2	722.1	720.7	721.6	724.0	720.6	710.8
4. Defence Forces (Permanent,							
Oversea and National Service							
Trainees in Camp)	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3
5. Total, Civilian Employees,							
Defence Forces and Trainees	721.0	723.0	721.7	722.7	725.2	721.8	712.1

\* In January, 1952, there was a transfer of about 2,200 employees from Local (Sydney County Council) to State and Semi-Governmental (the Electricity Commission of New South Wales).

TABLE I : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp are also excluded)  
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	Govern- mental Author- ities(a)	Private Employ- ment	Total	Govern- mental Author- ities(a)	Private Employ- ment	Total	Govern- mental Author- ities(a)	Private Employ- ment	Total
1939 July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	55.2	381.9	437.1	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2
1941 July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	556.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6
1942 June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1
1943 June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9
1944 June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1
1945 June (b)	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7
1946 June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5
1947 June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0
1948 June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9
1949 May (c)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	99.2	564.9	664.1	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2
1950 June	553.5	1,305.2	1,858.7	107.6	580.6	688.2	661.1	1,885.8	2,546.9
1951 June	570.0	1,341.5	1,911.5	113.9	604.9	718.8	683.9	1,946.4	2,630.3
Aug. (d)	568.8	1,343.1	1,911.9	114.7	607.4	722.1	683.5	1,950.5	2,634.0
Sept. (d)	562.1	1,344.9	1,907.0	112.4	608.3	720.7	674.5	1,953.2	2,627.7
Oct. (d)	558.6	1,350.5	1,909.1	112.3	609.3	721.6	670.9	1,959.8	2,630.7
Nov. (d)	559.2	1,359.9	1,919.1	112.6	611.4	724.0	671.8	1,971.3	2,643.1
Dec. (d)	562.2	1,353.7	1,915.9	111.9	608.7	720.6	674.1	1,962.4	2,636.5
1952 Jan. (d)	563.8	1,353.5	1,917.3	112.8	598.0	710.8	676.6	1,951.5	2,628.1

For notes (a) (b) and (c) see footnotes on this page. (d) See Prefatory Note page 1 hereof as to effects of fluctuations in Defence Forces and Trainees.

TABLE 2 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES, JANUARY, 1952.

STATES AND TERRITORIES

(Thousands)

State of Territory	Commonwealth (a)		State & Semi- Governmental (a)		Local Government (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
New South Wales	53.5	16.2	(d) 131.1	23.1	(d) 23.2	2.3	207.8	41.6	249.4
Victoria	47.2	16.0	90.0	19.4	11.6	1.1	148.8	36.5	185.3
Queensland	17.8	4.6	51.1	6.2	16.6	0.8	85.5	11.6	97.1
South Australia	14.1	3.2	34.5	6.8	2.6	0.3	51.2	10.3	61.5
Western Australia	8.5	2.0	31.8	4.3	2.9	0.3	43.2	6.6	49.8
Tasmania	3.6	1.0	13.1	2.8	2.1	0.2	18.8	4.0	22.8
Northern Territory	2.3	0.4	-	-	-	-	2.3	0.4	2.7
Aust. Cap. Territory	6.2	1.8	-	-	-	-	6.2	1.8	8.0
Total : Jan., 1952	153.2	45.2	(d) 351.6	62.6	(d) 59.0	5.0	563.8	112.8	676.6
Total : Dec., 1951	152.7	44.8	347.4	62.1	62.1	5.0	562.2	111.9	674.1

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migration hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia.

(b) From June, 1945 onwards, all figures of private and total employments are estimates subject to revision on the basis of results of the Census of 30th June, 1947.

(c) Figures for June, 1949, were affected by the Australia-wide black coal dispute which commenced on 27th June, and ended 15th August, 1949, and figures for May have therefore been substituted for purposes of annual comparison.

(d) See footnote to previous page.



TABLE 3 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - STATES AND TERRITORIES

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

State or Territory	July 1939	June 1946	June 1947	June 1948	May 1949(a)	June 1950	June 1951	Dec. 1951	Jan. 1952
<u>MALES</u>									
New South Wales	529.9	618.5	671.8	702.3	721.4	740.8	758.2	764.6	763.0
Victoria	357.5	417.9	452.6	473.3	489.3	510.7	525.8	525.2	528.4
Queensland	172.8	192.4	220.2	232.6	239.8	250.4	259.3	255.9	254.4
South Australia	106.7	129.6	140.9	149.0	155.0	165.7	170.0	170.2	171.3
Western Australia	82.9	93.9	103.9	109.2	112.8	120.5	125.3	126.7	127.0
Tasmania	37.4	46.9	51.1	54.5	57.4	58.4	60.2	61.0	61.1
Northern Territory	2.1	2.8	3.4	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.3
Aust. Cap. Territory	3.8	4.5	5.5	6.0	7.2	7.7	8.1	7.8	7.8
Australia:	1293.1	1506.5	1649.4	1730.9	1787.1	1858.7	1911.5	1915.9	1917.3

<u>FEMALES</u>									
New South Wales	168.0	242.3	252.1	261.9	269.9	278.5	290.9	293.4	287.2
Victoria	142.9	183.7	190.5	196.7	202.5	210.0	219.6	218.4	216.7
Queensland	53.2	71.2	74.5	77.9	80.1	83.1	86.1	86.6	85.6
South Australia	34.0	45.8	48.0	50.1	52.2	54.3	57.0	57.2	57.3
Western Australia	26.2	34.5	35.6	37.0	37.8	39.9	41.6	41.7	40.6
Tasmania	11.6	16.6	16.9	18.0	18.8	19.4	20.3	20.1	20.2
Northern Territory	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Aust. Cap. Territory	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.4	2.4
Australia:	437.1	596.0	619.6	644.0	664.1	688.2	718.8	720.6	710.8

<u>PERSONS</u>									
New South Wales	697.9	860.8	923.0	964.2	991.3	1019.3	1049.1	1058.0	1050.2
Victoria	500.4	601.6	643.1	670.0	691.8	720.7	745.4	743.6	745.1
Queensland	226.0	263.6	294.7	301.5	319.9	333.5	345.4	342.5	340.0
South Australia	140.7	175.4	188.9	199.1	207.2	220.0	227.0	227.4	228.6
Western Australia	109.1	128.4	139.5	146.2	150.6	160.4	166.9	168.4	167.6
Tasmania	49.0	63.5	68.0	72.5	76.2	77.8	80.5	81.1	81.3
Northern Territory	2.3	3.1	3.8	4.6	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.1
Aust. Cap. Territory	4.3	6.1	7.1	7.8	9.3	9.8	10.6	10.2	10.2
Australia:	1730.2	2102.5	2269.0	2374.9	2451.2	2546.9	2630.3	2636.5	2628.1

(a) Figures for June, 1949 were affected by the Australia-wide black coal dispute which commenced on 27th June and ended 15th August, 1949 and figures for May have therefore been substituted for purposes of annual comparison.

Note: From June, 1945 onwards, the figures above are estimates subject to revision on the basis of results of the Census of 30th June, 1947.

TABLE 4 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

STATES - JANUARY, 1952 (a)

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (b.)
<u>MALES</u>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping ..	9.6	6.2	6.2	1.7	2.1	2.1	28.0
Mining and Quarrying ..	30.0	5.0	8.3	1.6	8.2	2.7	55.9
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (c)	284.2	209.2	66.2	65.4	32.6	18.2	675.8
Other (d) ..	25.8	17.1	10.0	2.2	2.4	0.4	59.0
<u>Total Manufacturing:</u>	310.0	226.3	76.2	67.6	35.0	18.6	734.8
Building and Construction ..	74.8	52.5	35.2	19.4	15.7	10.8	211.9
Shipping and Stevedoring ..	17.5	12.1	8.9	6.0	4.0	1.8	50.5
Rail and Air Transport ..	38.5	20.9	21.1	10.3	9.7	2.4	103.3
Other Transport and Communication	58.1	36.0	22.2	12.2	8.5	4.2	141.9
Property and Finance (inc. Banks, etc.)	21.8	16.5	7.5	4.5	3.5	1.4	55.4
Retail Trade ..	50.8	36.8	15.6	12.2	9.2	3.5	128.5
Wholesale and Other Commerce ..	48.9	39.5	18.6	13.9	12.9	4.2	138.3
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	35.7	27.6	11.5	7.0	7.1	3.6	96.0
Other Industries (e) ..	67.3	49.0	23.1	14.9	11.1	5.8	172.8
<u>TOTAL MALES:</u>	763.0	528.4	254.4	171.3	127.0	61.1	1917.3
<u>FEMALES</u>							
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (c)	96.3	85.3	14.1	17.0	6.4	4.3	223.4
Other (d) ..	0.8	2.2	2.9	0.1	0.9	-	7.0
<u>Total Manufacturing:</u>	97.1	87.5	17.0	17.1	7.3	4.3	230.4
Rail and Air Transport ..	3.7	2.2	1.3	0.8	0.4	0.1	8.6
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.) ..	12.5	9.6	4.2	2.5	1.5	1.2	31.6
Property and Finance (inc. Banks, etc.)	14.6	9.4	3.8	2.4	1.7	0.8	32.8
Retail Trade ..	45.7	32.2	15.9	11.8	9.3	3.9	119.0
Wholesale and Other Commerce ..	16.7	10.9	6.0	3.8	3.2	0.8	41.4
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	10.7	6.7	4.2	1.4	1.9	0.9	27.1
Other Industries (e) ..	86.2	58.2	33.2	17.5	15.3	8.2	219.9
<u>TOTAL FEMALES:</u>	287.2	216.7	85.6	57.3	40.6	20.2	710.8
<u>PERSONS</u>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping ..	9.6	6.3	6.2	1.7	2.1	2.1	28.2
Mining and Quarrying ..	30.3	5.1	8.5	1.7	8.3	2.8	56.8
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (c)	380.5	294.5	80.3	82.4	39.0	22.5	899.2
Other (d) ..	26.6	19.3	12.9	2.3	3.3	0.4	66.0
<u>Total Manufacturing:</u>	407.1	313.8	93.2	84.7	42.3	22.9	965.2
Building and Construction ..	76.5	53.6	35.7	19.8	15.9	10.9	216.0
Shipping and Stevedoring ..	18.6	12.6	9.2	6.2	4.2	1.9	52.9
Rail and Air Transport ..	42.2	23.1	22.4	11.1	10.1	2.5	111.9
Other Transport and Communication	69.5	45.1	26.1	14.5	9.8	5.3	171.1
Property and Finance (inc. Banks, etc.)	36.4	25.9	11.3	6.9	5.2	2.2	88.2
Retail Trade ..	96.5	69.0	31.5	24.0	18.5	7.4	247.5
Wholesale and Other Commerce ..	65.6	50.4	24.6	17.7	16.1	5.0	179.7
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	46.4	34.3	15.7	8.4	9.0	4.5	123.1
Other Industries (e) ..	151.5	105.9	55.6	31.9	26.1	13.8	387.5
<u>TOTAL PERSONS:</u>	1050.2	745.1	340.0	228.6	167.6	81.3	2628.1

For Notes see page 7.



TABLE 5 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	July 1939	May 1949 (a)(f)	June 1950(a)	June 1951(a)	Dec. 1951(a)	Jan. 1952(a)
<b>MALES</b>						
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	24.1	28.5	28.5	28.2	28.0	28.0
Mining - Gold ..	15.4	8.6	8.9	8.5	8.2	8.1
Silver, Lead ..	6.4	7.8	8.4	9.3	9.3	9.2
Coal ..	22.1	26.4	26.9	27.6	28.1	28.2
Other (inc. Quarries)	8.3	9.5	9.7	10.4	10.5	10.4
Total Mining and Quarrying:	52.2	52.3	53.9	55.8	56.1	55.9
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (c)	391.5	635.9	659.0	674.7	674.1	675.8
Other (d)	64.6	56.7	57.4	58.3	58.8	59.0
Total Manufacturing:	456.1	692.6	716.4	733.0	732.9	734.8
Building and Construction -						
Building (Privately Employed)(g)	149.7	90.4	93.0	99.1	101.2	102.1
Other (h) ..		90.5	104.2	113.6	109.7	109.8
Total Building and Construction:	149.7	180.9	197.2	212.7	210.9	211.9
Transport and Communication -						
Road Transport ..	50.2	84.2	85.9	86.2	85.8	86.0
Shipping and Stevedoring ..	35.0	46.0	48.4	48.6	49.8	50.5
Rail and Air Transport ..	73.0	99.1	100.9	100.9	102.7	103.3
Communication ..	27.7	52.4	57.6	59.0	55.4	55.9
Total Transport, etc.:	185.9	281.7	292.8	294.7	293.7	295.7
Property and Finance (including						
Banks and Insurance) - ..	47.1	51.3	52.9	54.8	55.2	55.4
Commerce - Wholesale Trade ..	212.6	97.9	104.1	111.8	113.9	115.4
Primary Produce Agencies		20.7	21.0	21.8	24.4	22.9
Retail Trade ..		125.6	127.1	129.7	132.2	128.5
Total Commerce:	212.6	244.2	252.2	263.3	270.5	266.8
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	31.8	87.3	93.6	97.3	96.1	96.0
Other -						
Law and Order ..	17.6	18.1	18.5	18.8	19.0	19.2
Religion and Social Welfare	10.2	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services ..	17.8	24.7	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.7
Education ..	22.1	29.7	30.7	31.9	32.0	32.0
Other Professional ..	11.5	11.6	11.9	12.2	12.2	12.4
Entertainment, Sport ..	17.4	18.4	18.0	18.0	18.3	18.2
Personal Service (i) ..	37.0	54.4	55.9	54.6	54.8	54.9
Total, Other:	133.6	168.3	171.2	171.7	172.5	172.8
TOTAL:	1293.1	1787.1	1858.7	1911.5	1915.9	1917.3
<b>FEMALES</b>						
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Mining and Quarrying ..	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (c)	148.2	215.6	223.8	234.4	228.9	223.4
Other (d)	20.8	6.3	6.6	6.7	6.9	7.0
Total Manufacturing:	169.0	221.9	230.4	241.1	235.8	230.4
Building and Construction ..	1.2	3.1	3.3	3.8	4.0	4.1
Transport and Communication -						
Road Transport ..	1.5	7.3	7.9	8.4	9.0	9.1
Shipping and Stevedoring ..	1.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4
Rail and Air Transport ..	2.5	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.5	8.6
Communication ..	7.4	19.5	20.7	21.2	20.0	20.1
Total Transport, etc.:	12.6	37.0	38.8	40.1	39.9	40.2

TABLE 5 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

## AUSTRALIA (Continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	July 1939	May 1949 (a)(f)	June 1950(a)	June 1951(a)	Dec. 1951(a)	Jan. 1952(a)
<b>FEMALES (Continued)</b>						
Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance) - ..	13.5	26.0	28.1	31.2	31.9	32.8
Commerce - Wholesale Trade ..	101.4	29.3	31.8	34.9	35.9	36.0
Primary Produce Agencies		4.5	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.4
Retail Trade ..		111.1	113.3	119.1	124.7	119.0
Total Commerce:	101.4	144.9	150.0	159.2	156.0	160.4
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	10.0	24.8	25.5	27.7	26.6	27.1
Other -						
Law and Order ..	4.0	8.1	8.1	8.5	8.6	8.6
Religion and Social Welfare	7.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.9
Health Services ..	34.0	62.0	65.0	67.4	67.3	66.9
Education ..	32.0	37.7	39.1	39.7	40.2	39.7
Other Professional ..	5.0	8.7	8.8	9.3	9.5	9.6
Entertainment, Sport ..	4.0	8.8	8.4	8.7	8.9	8.9
Personal Service (i) ..	43.0	71.3	72.8	72.1	71.9	72.1
Total, Other:	129.0	205.6	211.2	214.7	215.3	214.7
TOTAL:	437.1	664.1	688.2	718.8	720.6	710.8

## PERSONS

Forestry, Fishing and Trapping -	24.2	28.6	28.7	28.4	28.2	28.2
Mining - Gold ..	15.5	8.8	9.1	8.6	8.4	8.3
Silver, Lead ..	6.5	7.9	8.6	9.5	9.5	9.4
Coal ..	22.2	26.6	27.0	27.8	28.3	28.4
Other (Inc. Quarries)	8.3	9.7	9.9	10.7	10.8	10.7
Total, Mining and Quarrying:	52.5	53.0	54.6	56.6	57.0	56.8
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (c)	539.7	851.5	882.8	909.1	903.0	899.2
Other (d)	85.4	63.0	64.0	65.0	65.7	66.0
Total Manufacturing:	625.1	914.5	946.8	974.1	968.7	965.2
Building and Construction -						
Building (Privately Employed)(g)	150.9	93.1	95.8	101.5	103.8	104.7
Other (h) ..		90.9	104.7	115.0	111.1	111.3
Total Building and Construction:	150.9	184.0	200.5	216.5	214.9	216.0
Transport and Communication -						
Road Transport ..	51.7	91.5	93.8	94.6	94.8	95.1
Shipping and Stevedoring ..	36.2	48.2	50.6	50.9	52.2	52.9
Rail and Air Transport ..	75.5	107.1	108.9	109.1	111.2	111.9
Communication ..	35.1	71.9	78.3	80.2	75.4	76.0
Total Transport, etc.:	198.5	318.7	331.6	334.8	333.6	335.9
Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance) ..	60.6	77.3	81.0	86.0	87.1	88.2
Commerce - Wholesale Trade ..	314.0	127.2	135.9	146.7	149.8	151.4
Primary Produce Agencies		25.2	25.9	27.0	29.8	28.3
Retail Trade ..		236.7	240.4	248.8	256.9	247.5
Total, Commerce:	314.0	389.1	402.2	422.5	436.5	427.2
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	41.8	112.1	119.3	125.0	122.7	123.1
Other -						
Law and Order ..	21.6	26.2	26.6	27.3	27.6	27.8
Religion and Social Welfare	17.2	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.3	20.3
Health Services ..	51.8	86.7	89.8	92.2	92.1	91.6
Education ..	54.1	67.4	69.8	71.6	72.2	71.7
Other Professional ..	16.5	20.3	20.7	21.5	21.7	22.0
Entertainment, Sport ..	21.4	27.2	26.4	26.7	27.2	27.1
Personal Service (i) ..	80.0	125.7	128.7	126.7	126.7	127.0
Total, Other:	262.6	373.9	382.4	386.4	387.8	387.5
TOTAL:	1730.2	2451.2	2546.9	2630.3	2636.5	2628.1

For notes, see page 7.



## NOTES TO TABLES 4 AND 5

- (a) All figures for the months subsequent to May, 1945, are subject to revision on the basis of results of the Census of 30th June, 1947 (except for Factories, for which figures to June, 1948 are final).
- (b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- (c) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published annually in the Production Bulletin, Part I, "Secondary Industries". In this connection, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more hands are employed, or in which power other than hand is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc.
- (d) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (c) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".
- (e) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc. and Personal Service, (Hotels, Restaurants, etc., excluding female private domestic). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.
- (f) Figures for June, 1949 were affected by the Australia-wide black coal dispute which commenced on 27th June and ended 15th August, 1949, and figures for May have therefore been substituted for purposes of annual comparison.
- (g) Includes employees of private employers contracting to public authorities.
- (h) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc. and employees directly employed by public authorities on building and maintenance of buildings.
- (i) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestic).

TABLE 6 : AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) - AUSTRALIA

Index-numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1000)

(Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index-numbers		Quarter	Index-numbers	
	All Industries	Manufacturing		All Industries	Manufacturing
1943-44	1028	1048	1949 - March Quarter	1345	1395
1944-45	1013	1018	June Quarter	1365	1404
1945-46	1000	1000	Sept. Quarter	1362(b)	1396(b)
1946-47	1035	1056	Dec. Quarter	1434	1499
1947-48	1159	1206	1950 - March Quarter	1485	1536
1948-49	1321	1365	June Quarter	1521	1588
1949-50	1451	1505	Sept. Quarter	1580	1655
			Dec. Quarter	1658	1734
			1951 - March Quarter	1822	1884
			April (Month)	1879(c)	1941
			May (Month)	1974(c)	2069

(a) Including Salaries.

(b) Coal Stoppage.

(c) Subject to revision.

Note:- The two series in the above table are not comparable horizontally. Further explanation to this table is shown on page 8.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and other data, 100 females being taken as equivalent to 45 male units.

The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1943-44 to 1949-50 is based on average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. Figures subsequent to June, 1950 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax Returns.

**TABLE 7 : AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE RATES : ADULT MALES**  
**INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES, 31ST JANUARY, 1952 (a)**

Index-numbers (Base : Weighted Average for Australia for three years ended June, 1939 = 100)

The index-numbers in the following table are based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each industrial group in each State is the arithmetical average of the rates of wage payable for all classified occupations within that group. The results for each State and for each industrial group throughout the States are weighted averages.

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, etc. ..	277	266	243	261	282	265	268
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	272	261	250	257	283	267	265
III. Food, Drink, etc. ..	272	275	245	265	275	268	267
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc. ..	268	270	277	277	280	268	271
V. Books, Printing, etc. ..	315	308	281	294	309	304	306
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	273	264	243	266	276	268	267
VII. Building ..	301	286	269	278	296	277	289
VIII. Mining (c) ..	283	270	259	263 (d)	307	269	279
IX. Rail and Tram Services ..	274	266	248	256	276	264	266
X. Other Land Transport ..	272	255	241	252	267	258	260
XI. Shipping, etc. (e) ..	301	306	307	303	303	304	303
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (f)	314	302	323	305	316	303	312
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc. (f) ..	261	251	227	239	258	246	251
XIV. Miscellaneous ..	269	261	236	244	265	254	259
All Groups (b)	284	274	269	269	289	276	278

(a) The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Average rates of wage prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.

(d) Excludes district allowances in the gold-mining industry.

(e) Average rates of wage on which index-numbers are based are for occupations other than masters, officers, and engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied.

(f) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

TABLE 8 : UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS : AUSTRALIA

The unions covered by the returns represent approximately 55 per cent of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 25 and 30 per cent of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Period	Unions	Membership	Unemployed (a)	
			Number	Percentage
Year 1939 ..	396	476,918	45,967	9.7
" 1945 ..	388	673,750	7,864	1.2
" 1946 ..	383	672,121	9,125	1.4
" 1947 ..	381	713,096	8,432	1.2
" 1948 ..	380	761,104	6,533	0.9
" 1949 ..	377	790,630	15,342(c)	2.0
" 1950 ..	375	827,256	6,659	0.8
June Quarter, 1932 (b)	396	413,742	124,068	30.0
December Quarter, 1949	375	808,428	6,103	0.8
March Quarter, 1950 ..	375	822,464	6,963	0.8
June Quarter, 1950 ..	375	819,331	6,361	0.8
September Quarter, 1950	375	828,094	7,038	0.8
December Quarter, 1950	374	839,136	6,273	0.7
March Quarter, 1951 ..	374	849,201	5,573	0.7
June Quarter, 1951 ..	374	849,559	6,732	0.8
September Quarter, 1951	374	866,944	5,132	0.6
December Quarter, 1951	374	878,915	6,277	0.7

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include persons out of work through sickness, but exclude persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

(c) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the dispute in the black coal mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

S. R. CARVER  
ACTING COMMONWEALTH STATISTICIAN

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS

CANBERRA. A.C.T.

28TH MARCH, 1952

